

March 30, 2010

The Calvin Ball Bulletin

A bulletin to keep you and your neighbors informed of current news and happenings in our community. If you do not get this bulletin directly, feel free to email me at cball@howardcountymd.gov and I will be sure to get you on the list.

For more District 2 News go to our website at:

www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CC_DistrictTwo.htm

Howard County Supports Haiti Disaster Efforts!

Our thoughts and prayers are with the people of Haiti as they struggle to recover from this terrible earthquake. Several organizations have already mobilized resources and are on the ground in Haiti right now. Listed below are some organizations and links to ways you can support their critical work.

- **American Red Cross:** Donate online at <http://www.redcross.org> or donate \$10.00 by texting “HAITI” to “90999”.
 - **Doctors Without Borders:** <http://doctorswithoutborders.org/>
 - **Partners in Health:** <http://pih.org/home.html>
 - **InterAction:** <http://www.interaction.org/crisis-list/earthquake-haiti>
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2010 Annual Financial Literacy Event: Money Matters!!!

Howard County Councilmember Calvin Ball, in partnership with the **Howard County Library** and **Howard Community College**, will sponsor the fourth annual financial literacy event entitled “Money Matters: A Community Fun and Activity Fair” on **Saturday, May, 1, 2010** from **10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** located at **Howard County Library’s East Columbia Branch, 6600 Cradlerock Way, Columbia MD 21045.**

This event is **FREE** for children, teens, adults and seniors. For more information, please contact **Kimberly Pruim** at **(410) 313-2001** or via email at kpruim@howardcountymd.gov.

Moderate Incoming Housing Unit Program --- Apply Now!!!

Howard County Housing will begin accepting applications for the April enrollment period for the County's Moderate Incoming Housing Unit (MIHU) program on **Thursday, April 1, 2010**.

The MIHU program requires developers of new housing in certain zoning districts to sell or rent some of the new dwelling units to households of moderate income. The program offers quality new homes at reduced sale prices and rents to eligible families.

The Department will hold two "MIHU Buyers and Renters Workshop" which will be open to the public and assist those interested by explaining eligibility and application processes. The first workshop will take place during the "Come Home to Howard County" Housing fair **Saturday, April 10, 2010** at 11am at **Long Reach High School, 6101 Old Dobbin Lane** in Columbia. The second workshop will be held **Wednesday, April 21, 2010** at the **Belmont Station Apartment Community Clubhouse, 6900 Tasker Falls** in Elkridge from 6:00 to 7:30pm.

For more information, please visit www.howardcountymd.gov or call **410-313-6318**

"Come Home to Howard County" Housing Fair!!!

On **Saturday, April 10, 2010**, the Department of Housing & Community Development will host a Housing Fair from 10am to 2pm at **Long Reach High School, 6101 Old Dobbin Lane** in Columbia, MD.

This event will feature exhibitors including real estate professionals, mortgage lenders, housing specialists, and representatives from county government. For a list of participating exhibitors, please visit http://www.howardcountymd.gov/DH/CHTHC_exhibitors.htm. Qualified applicants will have the opportunity to enter a drawing to buy a home in Howard County at a substantially reduced price. The housing

lottery will take place at 1:40pm. Please visit http://www.howardcountymd.gov/DH/DH_CHTHC.htm for more details.

For more information, contact **Stacy L. Spann**, Department of Housing & Community Development, at **410-313-6318**.

Howard County's GreenFest!!!

The 3rd Annual GreenFest will be held **Saturday, April 17, 2010** from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at **Howard Community College's Burrill Galleria, 10901 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia, MD**.

For more information, contact **Lindsay DeMarzo**, Event Coordinator at **410-313-4374** or ldemarzo@howardcountymd.gov.

Open House at St. John Baptist Church!!!

On **Saturday, April 17, 2010**, St. John Baptist Church will host an Open House from 10am to 1pm located at **9055 Tamar Drive** in Columbia, MD. For more information, please call St. John Baptist Church at **410-992-6977**.

Student Commissioner Needed for Human Rights Commission!!!

The Howard County Human Rights Commission is currently accepting applications for the position of Student Commissioner to serve a one-year term from **July 1, 2010** to **June 30, 2010** as a non-voting member on the Commission.

To be eligible, the student must be a Howard County resident under the age of 18 years old, have an interest in human/civil rights, and be willing to attend the Commission's meeting on the third Thursday of each month from 7:00pm-8:30pm.

The deadline for applications is **Friday, April 9, 2010**. Applicants must write a brief essay, telling why they want to serve. A mandatory interview will be held on **Thursday, April 15 at 7:30pm** at the **Ascend One**

Building, 8930 Stanford Blvd, C. Vernon Gray Conference Room-2 in Columbia, MD.

For more information, please visit www.howardcountymd.gov or call **410-313-6430**.

Howard County Offers Citizens Emergency Readiness Training Classes!!!

Howard County Department of Fire and Rescue Services will offer a series of FREE classes in Citizens Emergency Readiness Training (CERT) beginning **Saturday, April 17, 2010** at the James N. Robey Public Safety Training Center, **2200 Scott Wheeler Drive** in Marriottsville, MD.

For more information, a list of class schedules, or to register for the program, visit their website at http://www.howardcountymd.gov/FAR/FAR_OEM.htm. Additional questions may be directed to the Department's Office of Emergency Management at **410-313-6030**.

Nominate Outstanding People and Organizations Helping Children!!!

Do you know any people or organizations making a positive impact on the lives of Howard County children? Nominations are now being accepted for people or programs including mentors, child care providers, Scout leaders, coaches, human service workers, volunteers, businesses and school or camp programs for their outstanding contributions to our students.

Categories include: Infants and Toddlers (0-3 years), Pre-School (3-5 years), Elementary School (Kindergarten through 5th Graders), Middle School (6th through 8th Graders), High School (9th through 12th Graders), Youth Award, and Family Friendly Business Award. Individual nominees do not need to be a Howard County resident; however, program or business nominees must be located in Howard County.

The 11th Annual "Celebrating Successes for Children" ceremony will be held **Thursday, April 29, 2010** and will be hosted by County Executive Ken Ulman and the Howard County Office of Children's Services.

Nominations must be faxed to **(410) 313-1430**, delivered or postmarked by **Friday, March 26, 2010**. To request a nomination form, contact the Office of Children's Services at **(410) 313-1940**, email **Priscilla Kung** at pkung@howardcountymd.gov, or go online at www.howardcountymd.gov/children.

Journey 2010 Summer Program Now Accepting Applications!!!

The Women's Giving Circle of Howard County is now accepting applications for its residential summer camp, Journey 2010. This camp will include 40 girls entering 8th-9th grade in the fall of 2010 and will begin **Sunday, June 27, 2010** through **Saturday, July 2, 2010** held at Washington College in Chestertown, MD. The girls will live in college dorms, eat in the college cafeteria, and experience a collegiate atmosphere during the week-long program.

Applicants should have some previous experience in leading her peers, a willingness to try new experiences in a safe environment and a desire to serve her community. The camp is restricted to girls who are living in Howard County and now attending the seventh and eighth grade. The cost to attend is \$550 and financial assistance is available. Applications can be obtained at www.womensgivingcircle.org and are also available in guidance offices at local middle schools. Applications must be postmarked by **March 30, 2010**, but priority will be given to applications based on the date received. For further information, contact journeydirector@gmail.com.

Howard County's "Community Sports Hall of Fame" Nominations!

Howard County's Department of Recreation & Parks has announced a last call for nominations for the 2010 "Community Sports Hall of Fame" which recognizes outstanding individuals who have gained prominence in or made substantial contributions to community recreational sports in Howard County.

Athletes, coaches, managers, league officials, or even behind-the-scenes contributors loosely identified with community recreation sports can be nominated. Nominees must be either residents of Howard County or made their community sports contributions primarily in Howard County.

Nomination forms are available online at www.hcrpsports.com, at all local Howard County Library branches or by calling Recreation & Parks at 410-313-4711. Nominators must provide the Hall of Fame Committee with an essay, limited to 4 double-spaced, typed pages, demonstrating the nominee's community sports background.

All nominations must be postmarked by **April 16, 2010** and mailed to Recreation & Parks Community Sports Hall of Fame, **7120 Oakland Mills Road, Columbia, MD 21046-1677**. The awards ceremony will take place on **Tuesday, October 19, 2010**.

2010 Howard County Youth Police Academy!

A FREE one-week overnight program is now available for youth to explore career and leadership opportunities, life skills and character education. Participation requirements include: Howard County resident, Age 15 to 18, minimum 2.0 grade point average, letter of recommendation from a school faculty member, physical examination, and background check.

Registration deadline is **Friday, May 14, 2010**. For an application, contact your school resource officer or visit www.HCPD.org.

Mission Road Water Main Extension to Begin!

A Howard County construction project to extend public water along Mission Road in Jessup began on or about **Monday, March 15, 2010**. The majority of the work will take place along the west-bound lane of Mission Road in the vicinity of Concord Drive. Weather permitting, the project should be completed by mid-June.

For questions or concerns about Capital Project S6272, contact **Lisa Brightwell**, Public Works Customer Service at **410-313-3440** or by email to publicworks@howardcountymd.gov

Howard County Parks and Recreation Submits its FY09 Annual Report!

The Howard County Department of Recreation & Parks has released its FY09 Annual Report. To view this report online, please visit <http://www.howardcountymd.gov/RAP/RAPDocs/AnnRept09.pdf>

For more information, please contact **Gary Arthur** at (410) 313-4700.

Partnership Promotes Peaceful Conflict Resolution!!!

A NEW partnership with the Mediation & Conflict Resolution Center (MCRC) at Howard Community College (HCC) will help students and staff at the Howard County Public School System (HCPSS) develop skills for peacefully resolving conflicts.

For more information on the HCPSS Partnerships Office, please contact **Joan Fox**, Partnerships Office at (410) 313-6658 or joan_r_fox@hcpss.org or **Patti Caplan**, Director of Public Relations, HCPSS at (410) 313-6680 or patti_caplan@hcpss.org. The website can be accessed at www.hcpss.org/aboutus/partnership. The MCRC located at HCC can be viewed at www.howardcc.edu/Visitors/mcrc.

Panhandling in Howard County!

We have received many concerns from our residents about panhandling within our District. I would like to take a moment to discuss the law within Howard County and the ways we can work together to combat this issue.

On **October 1, 2009**, the **Vehicle Law Section 21-507(h)** was amended to address concerns over panhandling within Howard County. The law states

that “In Howard County, a person may not stand in a State Highway or the Highway Right-Of-Way to solicit money or donations of any kind from the occupant of a vehicle.”

Please join me in addressing our concerns. If you see a person panhandling, contact the police immediately at **911** or call the non-emergency line at **(410) 313-4750**.

Start a Neighborhood Watch Program in Your Community!

The Neighborhood Watch Program involves the joint efforts of the Howard County Police Department and the community designed to enhance neighborhood security, heighten the community’s power of observation, and to encourage mutual assistance and concern among neighbors. For more information please contact the Howard County Police Department at **410-313-2200**.

Reverse Mortgage Counseling to Residents 62 and Older!

The Howard County Office on Aging, through Maryland Access Point (MAP), is offering Reverse Mortgage Counseling to Maryland residents age 62 and older who are considering this as an option. The counseling is targeted to seniors who may be able to pay for their everyday expenses but are struggling to cover the costs of health care, home repairs and modifications, increased property taxes and other unexpected expenses.

To schedule a counseling session or learn more about the costs and features of a reverse mortgage, call MAP of **Howard County’s toll free number: 1-800-506-5806**.

We Want To Hear From You!

The link below will navigate you to a list of meetings open to the public. If you have specific questions, please call the contact number listed for that meeting. http://www.co.ho.md.us/News/HCG_Portal_PublicMeetings.htm

How Can You Participate in Howard County Government?

This is your chance to stay informed and involved! Your comments are welcome as the County Council reviews legislation. You may testify in person or simply submit your testimony by email or fax. All legislative public hearings will take place in the **Board of Education, Board Room, 10910 Route 108, Ellicott City, MD 21042**. Click the following link for the Council's calendar of meetings

http://www.co.ho.md.us/CountyCouncil/CC_Legislative_CouncilCalendar.htm

View the Council's Current Legislation and Stay Informed

The County Council is responsible for adopting laws within Howard County. The legislative process generally follows a monthly cycle. To view legislation under consideration by the Council, please click on the following link http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/Legislative_Pending.htm

Boards and Commissions Vacancies

Persons interested in applying for a Board or Commission position are invited to view the following link

http://www.howardcountymd.gov/PortalServices/HC_BoardsandCommissions.htm

For additional news and events, please visit the Howard County Calendar of Events at http://www.co.ho.md.us/News/HCG_Portal_CalendarofEvents.htm.

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Council Member, District 2

http://www.co.ho.md.us/CountyCouncil/Dist2_Bio.htm

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"It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and

sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat." - Teddy Roosevelt